

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air Stolen Honor, a vicious attack on John Kerry is a clear violation of Federal law. It is bald electioneering without any attempt to present a fair picture of the facts. Furthermore, running this program free of charge to George Bush and the Republican party clearly constitutes a campaign contribution in violation of the Federal voting laws. It is crucial that the FCC stop this behavior and censure Sinclair.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Its behavior provides a forceful demonstration of what happens when large commercial interests are given control of the airwaves. They use this inordinate power to further their own interests and, more often than not, adversely affect the interest of the public. I implore you to prevent this gross violation of law and public welfare. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show that large, antisocial broadcaster must be policed more closely and effectively to prevent this sort of behavior. Thank you.